

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the existing Sequence Listing with the substitute Sequence Listing provided herewith.

Please insert the following new paragraphs after the paragraph ending on line 9, page 4:

SEQ ID NOS: 15 and 16 are the nucleotide and amino acid sequences, respectively, of murine CAR, GenBank Accession No. AF009327.

SEQ ID NOS: 17 and 18 are the nucleotide and amino acid sequences, respectively, of human CAR, GenBank Accession No. Z30425.

Please amend the paragraph on page 18, line 30 to page 19, line 3, as follows:

mCAR and hCAR expression vectors were constructed by cloning an entire mCAR (GenBank Accession No: AF009327, deposited on July 22, 1997; SEQ ID NO: 15) or hCAR (GenBank Accession No: Z30425, deposited on March 8, 1994; SEQ ID NO: 17) coding sequence into *Bam*HI and *Xho*I sites of pCR3 plasmid as described previously (Sueyoshi *et al.*, *J Biol Chem* 274:6043-6, 1999). Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was used to amplify the desired hCAR or mCAR fragment from the plasmid. The amplified fragments used for the chimeras were nucleotides encoding amino acids: 1 to 86 of mCAR and 77 to 348 of hCAR (mhh), 1 to 116 of mCAR and 107 to 348 of hCAR (mmh), 1 to 76 of hCAR and 87 to 358 of mCAR (hmm), 1 to 106 of hCAR and 117 to 358 of mCAR (hhm). These fragments were PCR amplified using pfu polymerase and enzymatically phosphorylated primers. The amplified fragments were ligated, and a second PCR amplification was performed on the ligated DNA with the primers for 5' and 3' end of the chimeric DNA. The resulting second PCR products were cloned into a pCR3 vector (Invitrogen) with newly created *Bam*HI and *Xho*I sites at the 5' and the 3' ends, respectively. All chimeras were confirmed by sequencing.